

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DORIS WARD

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a trailblazer, change-maker and beloved leader: San Francisco Board of Supervisors President Doris Ward.

Doris was a woman of extraordinary spirit and positivity who never let a closed door deter her. Throughout her 40 years of leadership—at lunch counters and on the NAACP's Metropolitan Council, as a school administrator and a community leader—she fought fearlessly to knock down barriers to equality and justice.

A former teacher herself, Doris was a passionate advocate for our schools and believed deeply in the power of education to help all Americans climb the ladders of opportunity in our nation.

Doris was a pioneer, making history as the first African American to serve as President of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. As a leader of our city, she both embodied and championed the San Francisco values of equality, fairness and respect for diversity. Her strong leadership to expand affordable housing, support minority-led businesses and improve oversight of the police force continues to ensure that San Francisco remain a welcoming home to all.

Doris was a great friend to our most underserved neighborhoods, and a great inspiration for women, communities of color and young people across our city and country.

San Franciscans have been blessed by the leadership of Doris Ward. We will deeply miss her warmth, positivity and joyous spirit.

May it bring some measure of comfort to Doris' many friends and loved ones that so many remember and celebrate Doris' life and legacy.

HONORING THE ARVIN-EDISON WATER STORAGE DISTRICT FOR 75 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Arvin-Edison Water Storage District.

Established in 1942 to serve the booming agricultural industry in the southeastern portion of California's San Joaquin Valley, the Arvin-Edison Water Storage District has played an essential role in making Kern County the number one agricultural producer in the United States.

The District provides water to over 131,000 acres of agricultural land in Kern County, from

both surface water through the Central Valley Project's Friant Unit as well as from groundwater. The water irrigates tens of thousands of acres of almonds, carrots, citrus, grapes, potatoes, and other annual crops with a value exceeding \$1 billion in 2016. And in true California fashion of never letting a drop of water go to waste, the water the District provides to irrigate these and other crops results from a true conjunctive use process—District also recharges the underground aquifer to help stabilize groundwater levels in a region that relies on well water as a primary source of irrigation.

To accommodate Kern County's ever-expanding agricultural industry and variable surface water supplies, the District has had to take innovative approaches to water management and storage. For instance, when times are good and water is flowing from rain and melting snow, the District developed a network of groundwater banking programs connected by miles of canals and pipes to capture this water for use in dry years. This approach helped our communities and farmers weather the recent multi-year catastrophic drought in California, ensuring that they were able to access life-giving water.

In 1997, the District entered into a 25-year agreement with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California that has empowered the District to complete capital improvement projects without increasing water costs to Kern County farmers, including expansion of the aforementioned water banks.

I am proud of the work accomplished by the Arvin-Edison Water Storage District, currently led by President Edwin Camp, Engineer-Manager Jeevan Muhar, Deputy General Manager David Nixon, Director of Water Resources Steven Collup, General Superintendent Christopher Krauter, and Directors Ronald Lehr, Jeffrey Guimarra, Derek Yurosek, Dennis Johnston, John Moore, Charles Fanucchi, Catalino Martinez, and Kevin Pascoe. They and their predecessors' efforts have made a lasting impact on our community which will continue to play a critical role in the lives of Kern County farmers and those who enjoy the products they grow.

The Arvin-Edison Water Storage District's role in shaping the face of American agriculture cannot be understated, and I wish the District another 75 years of success.

HONORING DR. MICHAEL LANGBERG

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Michael Langberg, Senior Vice President and Chief Clinical Officer of Cedars Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles. Dr. Langberg will retire from his post at Cedars in May, after having served the patients of Los Angeles and, in fact, patients around

the nation, since 1981. He leaves behind a legacy of better quality care, improved health policy, and collaboration with hospitals around the country to make care safer, particularly for those of limited means or with complex medical needs.

Dr. Langberg is a highly respected national leader on patient safety and health care quality. When the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services crafted the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program, he led the work at the American Hospital Association to understand the proposed policy, identify potential unintended consequences—especially those potentially affecting poorer communities—and convey those issues to CMS so that the agency could refine its approach and improve the program. His work laid the foundation for the provision in the bipartisan 21st Century Cures Act that directed CMS to include an adjustment to the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program to recognize the impact of sociodemographic factors on readmission rates.

Dr. Langberg has testified before this body on patient safety and quality issues and before the California Senate on physician quality performance—all in an effort to help legislators craft better public policy that supports improvement in health and health care. He is a permanent member of the California Department of Public Health's health care-associated infection advisory committee, seeking to prevent the emergence and spread of infections in my state, and he serves on the Board of Directors of the Hospital Quality Institute in California.

Dr. Langberg has been an advocate for sharing both successes and failures in an effort to disseminate best practices and advance improvements in quality and safety. He has been an invited speaker at the Health Management Academy, the National Patient Safety Congress, and the Institute for Healthcare Improvement. By freely speaking of both the successes and challenges encountered by this nationally esteemed hospital, Dr. Langberg has helped many other hospitals across this nation learn how to keep patients safe, improve the quality of the care they deliver, and be attentive to health risks patients may experience after they have left the hospital, particularly poorer patients and those who live in communities with relatively few health care providers.

For these reasons, I am delighted to recognize Dr. Michael Langberg and offer thanks for his dedication and service.

DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Douglas County Fair and Rodeo. Since the First Annual Fair

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